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Public Service.

Addition to listed posts in the Madras Provincial Service.

* 2354 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : "Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether as the result of the creation of the post of D.P.W. Secretary an additional post has been listed for the members of the Madras Provincial Service?

A.—An additional superior executive post in the Indian Civil Service has been 'listed' in connexion with the addition to the Indian Civil Service cadre of the post of non-technical Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department.

Appointment of Secretariat clerks as probationary Revenue inspectors.

* 2355 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the conditions under which Secretariat clerks have hitherto been sent out for training as revenue inspectors for qualifying themselves for higher revenue appointments ;

(b) whether it has been proposed to alter these conditions ;

(c) whether it is a condition that a clerk in the Revenue Department of the Secretariat has to be trained as a revenue inspector for one year in order to be promoted to the place of a Superintendent ; and

(d) whether it is proposed to require such clerks to go out on the maximum pay of a revenue inspector though they may be drawing higher pay in the Secretariat?

A.—(a) The conditions are—

(1) that the clerk should have completed six years' service ;

(2) that he should be drawing a salary of Rs. 73 per mensem.

(b) Yes. The rule in future will be that only clerks on Rs. 80 per mensem or less in the departments of the Secretariat, and clerks on Rs. 81 per mensem or less in the offices of the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Madras will be deputed to serve as revenue inspectors or with a settlement party.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"With reference to clause (b) may I inquire whether clerks on Rs. 80 and Rs. 81 will have to go on a lower pay as revenue inspectors?"

The hon. the President :—"Is it not answered in (d)?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks .—"The answer is given in (d)."

Forests.

Grazing fees, etc., in Bellary.

* 2356 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to furnish a statement showing the rates of grazing fees, revenue and expenditure for forest areas used mainly for grazing in the district of Bellary?

A.—The rates of grazing fees in the Bellary Forest division are 8 annas per cow unit in the Harpanahalli range except in Toganikatta reserve and 3 annas a cow unit in the other reserves.

A statement [a] showing the revenue and expenditure for 1925–26 in respect of the reserves mainly used for grazing which have not yet been handed over to panchayats is appended. In the case of reserves under panchayat management the panchayats themselves fix the grazing fee, collect revenue and regulate expenditure.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I request the hon. the Home Member to furnish information, similar to that contained in the appendix to this answer, as regards the other reserves also ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am prepared to consider the suggestion. "

Working of forests in the Presidency for industrial purposes.

*2357 *Q.*—Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have collected all ' relevant information ' promised in answer to question No. 1054, dated 21st October 1924, in regard to the working of any other forest in the Presidency in the manner in which the Papanasam forests are being worked for industrial purposes and with what result ?

A.—Papanasam forests are not worked now for industrial purposes, nor are any other forest being so worked except the Chenat Nayar forest the conditions of which are quite different from those of Papanasam. Information collected from the Philippines and Java as bearing on the development of these forests points strongly to the fact that such areas may be intensively worked to the benefit of the forests and the profit of the Government.

Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI :—" May I know if trees are being cut in the Papanasam forests ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think so, Sir."

Jails.

Condition of Mappilla settlers in the Andamans.

*2358 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1626, on 18th March 1926, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report submitted by the committee appointed by the Government of India to enquire into the conditions of the Mappilla settlers in the Andamans has been received by the Government of Madras ;

(*b*) if so, when it will be placed before this House ;

(*c*) what the recommendations of the Committee are ;

(*d*) what the number of the Mappilla prisoners sent to the Andamans is, and of their families ; and

(*e*) what the condition of their health is ?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 294–295 infra.